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SUBJECT.

Special Reserve Police Force in Bangalore City and Cantonment.

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Special Reserve Police (1)

(20) Bangalore, Mysore and Shimoga

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The military now guard the jails, the Treasuries, sea in the three places named. to the detriment of the military discipline and duty, there being hardly a sufficient number of men left for the daily drill, new periodical parades sea.

I cannot conceive why the Special Police Reserve should not relieve the military of the above duties especially in the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore and help the District Police in the prevention and detection of Crime, when not employed in suppressing riots sea bearing in mind particularly the fact that the original intention of the organization that these forces should be maintained quite aloof from the District Police and in a State of

high military discipline, and efficiency has considerably been relaxed in practice. –

The employment of the Special Reserve Police, as proposed above, will doubtless add much to their general discipline, efficiency and practical usefulness.

Abdul Rahman.

7th May/95 3d. Councillor

To The Senior Councillor

Please make IL. engross as above

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B.O. Irwin

8 May 1895

To: Mr Insp. Genl of Police

8/5/95

Special Reserve Forces

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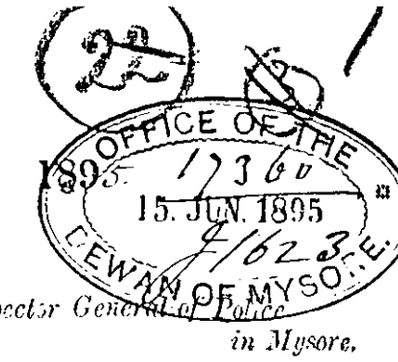

From

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To. The 1st Councillor
18/6
Dear

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To

The ~~Chief~~ General Secretary to the
Government of Mysore.

Dated

Despatched 15th June 1895.

Received

Enclosure No. One

General No. 4032
No. 354

Sir,

Forwarding a copy of I.G.P's letter of 22nd Septr 94, we have addressed the Resident ~~to~~ in our No. 12483 of 15-2-95, which is herewith submitted to obtain the sanction of the Govt of India to import 447 carbines required for the use of the Mysore Police. Reply still due from the Residency.

Submitted.

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20/6.

To. The 1st Councillor
20/6

Submitting a statement furnishing certain particulars called for regarding the Special Reserve Police Forces of Bangalore, Mysore and Shimoga.

15/6/95

Submitted with copy of letter dated 18-6-95.

Asst.
17/6/95

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OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. 4032
354

Dated Bangalore 15th June 1895.

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FROM

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

To

THE ~~CHIEF~~ General SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

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Objection

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"which may happen to have particular weak points to guard. The District
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10. Referring to the last para of the Proceedings inviting suggestions as to the best and most efficient way of employing the Special Reserve Force, I beg leave to state that the object originally aimed at has been steadily kept in view and the reserve men have been trained as a Special Corps for

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the performance of special duties which cannot be efficiently carried out by the Taluk Police. The force has been brought up to a high state of efficiency and I would strongly deprecate any departure from the policy laid down by Mr. Ricketts and generally recognized elsewhere with regard to its employment. Any attempt to absorb it into the District Police will destroy its special character and Government will have to regret the absence of such an organized body when emergencies which may readily be imagined arise.

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Your most obedient Servant,

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Bangalore
June 1895

H. Manthavenkoo
Inspector General
of Police.

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Proceedings of the Govt. of Mysore

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Read

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Order thereon — No: 24848/1502

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Lieut: Colonel

To The Inspr General of Police.

Drafted for the Commissioner
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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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PROCEEDINGS

ated 24th June 1895

No. 24848
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